

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-4 and 6-22 in accordance with the following:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A girder bridge protection device comprising:

a sacrifice means-member including girders ~~which are~~ installed on an upper surface of a bridge seat of an abutment or pier to support a bridge floor, a symmetrical main support member ~~which connects~~ two of the girders and ~~having~~ an pipe-shaped elongated tubular configuration, and an auxiliary support member ~~which projects~~ from one surface of a center portion of the main support member in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of the main support member; and

a restraining means-member secured to the bridge seat of the abutment or pier and including an accommodating section ~~which accommodates~~ the auxiliary support member such that the auxiliary support member is separated from the accommodating section in a forward and rearward direction and in a leftward and rightward direction; thereby so as to controlling behavior of the auxiliary support member.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means~~ is coupled to the main support member so as to define a closed loop.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 2, wherein the auxiliary support member comprises:

a pair of connection sections ~~which are~~ connected to the main support member; and
an accommodated section ~~which connects~~ the pair of connection sections with each other and is positioned in the accommodating section of the restraining ~~means~~ member.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein ~~the restraining means comprises the~~ accommodating section which accommodates both auxiliary support members of two front and rear main support members installed on the same bridge seat.

Claim 5 (Original): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein the two main support members commonly hold the one auxiliary support member.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary support member of the sacrifice ~~means~~ member ~~which that is~~ coupled to the main support member ~~has a bar-shaped configuration~~ is bar-shaped.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein the auxiliary support member comprises:
a ~~bar-shaped~~ an accommodated section in the shape of a bar ~~which that is~~ positioned in the accommodating section of the restraining ~~means~~ member; and
a release prevention section ~~which is formed at an end of the accommodated section to~~ prevent release of the auxiliary support member from the restraining ~~means~~ member.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means~~ member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 1, wherein ~~further comprises an~~ elastic ~~means~~ is member ~~intervened~~ disposed between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the~~ restraining means.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 9, wherein the elastic ~~means~~ member comprises a leaf spring.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to

claim 2, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 5, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 7, wherein the main support member of the sacrifice ~~means-~~member has a square sectional shape.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 2, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means is intervened~~member disposed between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 3, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means~~member is intervened~~disposed~~ between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means and the accommodating section of the restraining means.~~

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 4, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means~~member is intervened~~disposed~~ between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means~~ and the accommodating section ~~of the~~ restraining means.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 5, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means~~member is intervened~~disposed~~ between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means~~ and the accommodating section ~~of the~~ restraining means.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 6, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means~~member is intervened~~disposed~~ between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means~~ and the accommodating section ~~of the~~ restraining means.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The girder bridge protection device according to claim 7, wherein ~~further comprising an elastic means~~member is intervened~~disposed~~ between the auxiliary support member ~~of the sacrifice means~~ and the accommodating section ~~of the~~ restraining means.